

IN THE CLAIMS

1-37 (Canceled).

38. (Previously presented) A method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user comprising:
determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user;
requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and
receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38 further comprising:
disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38 further comprising:
validating the amount of compensation received.

41. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein determining the amount of compensation comprises:
determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and
calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

42-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously presented) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a device to perform a method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user, the method comprising:
determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography

game chosen by the user;

requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and

receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

45. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, the method further comprising:

disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.

46. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, the method further comprising:

validating the amount of compensation received.

47. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, wherein determining the amount of compensation comprises:

determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and
calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

48. (Previously presented) An apparatus for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user comprising:

means for determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user;

means for requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and

means for receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

49. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising:
means for disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.
50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising:
means for validating the amount of compensation received.
51. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the means for determining the amount of compensation comprises:
means for determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and
means for calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.
52. (Previously presented) A system comprising:
a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and
a system process for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user, the system process executed by the processor from the memory to cause the processor to determine an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user, request the amount of compensation from the user, and receive the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.
53. (Previously presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the system process executed by the processor from the memory further causes the processor to disallow access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.
54. (Previously presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the system process executed by the processor from the memory further causes the processor to validate the amount of compensation received.

55. (Previously presented) The system of claim 52, wherein to determine the amount of compensation comprises:

to determine if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and

to calculate the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

56-61. (Cancelled)